

Lesson 1

Summer 2

Week 2

L.O: To use inference and
prediction.

Before reading...

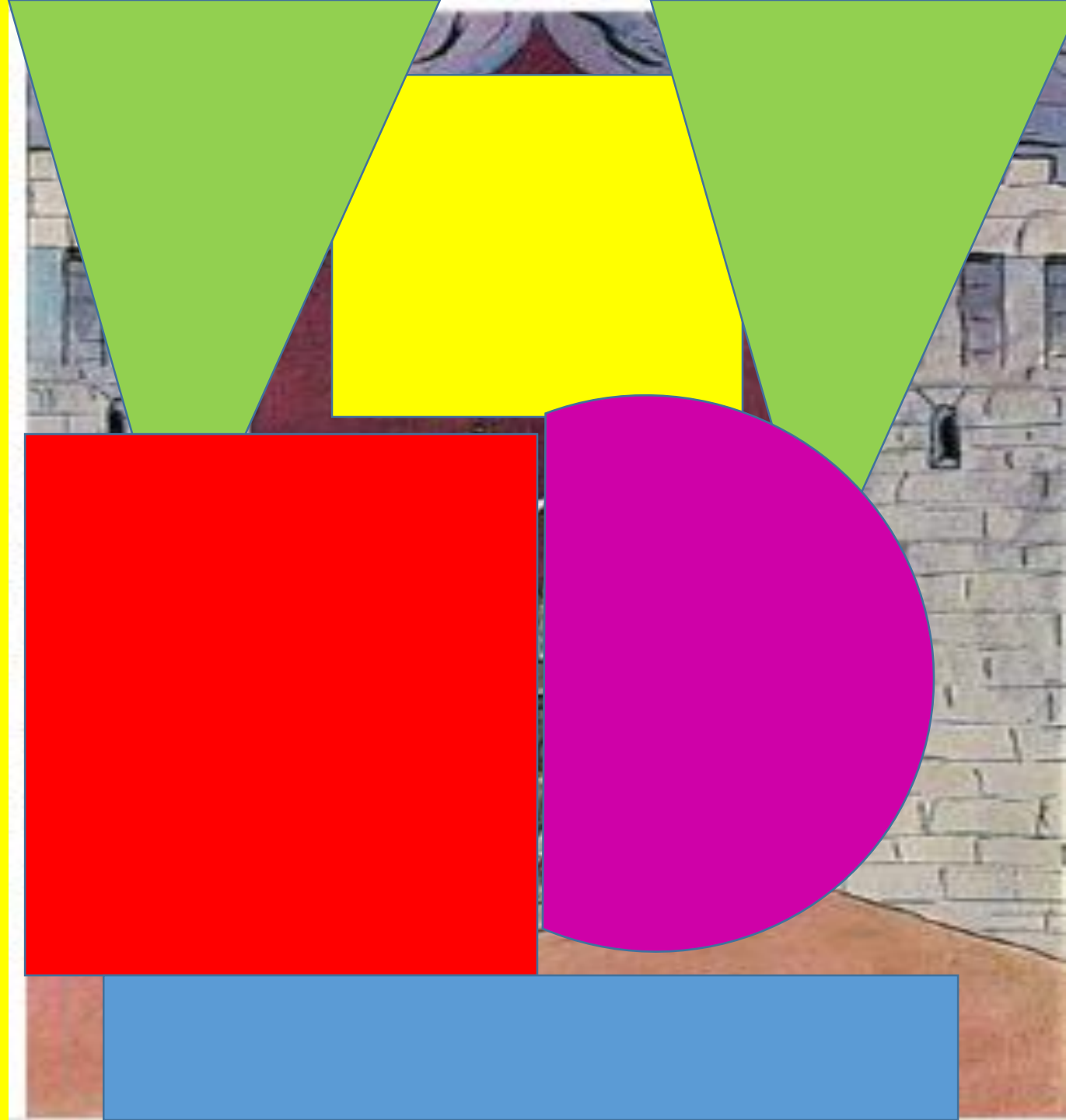
Look at the front cover.

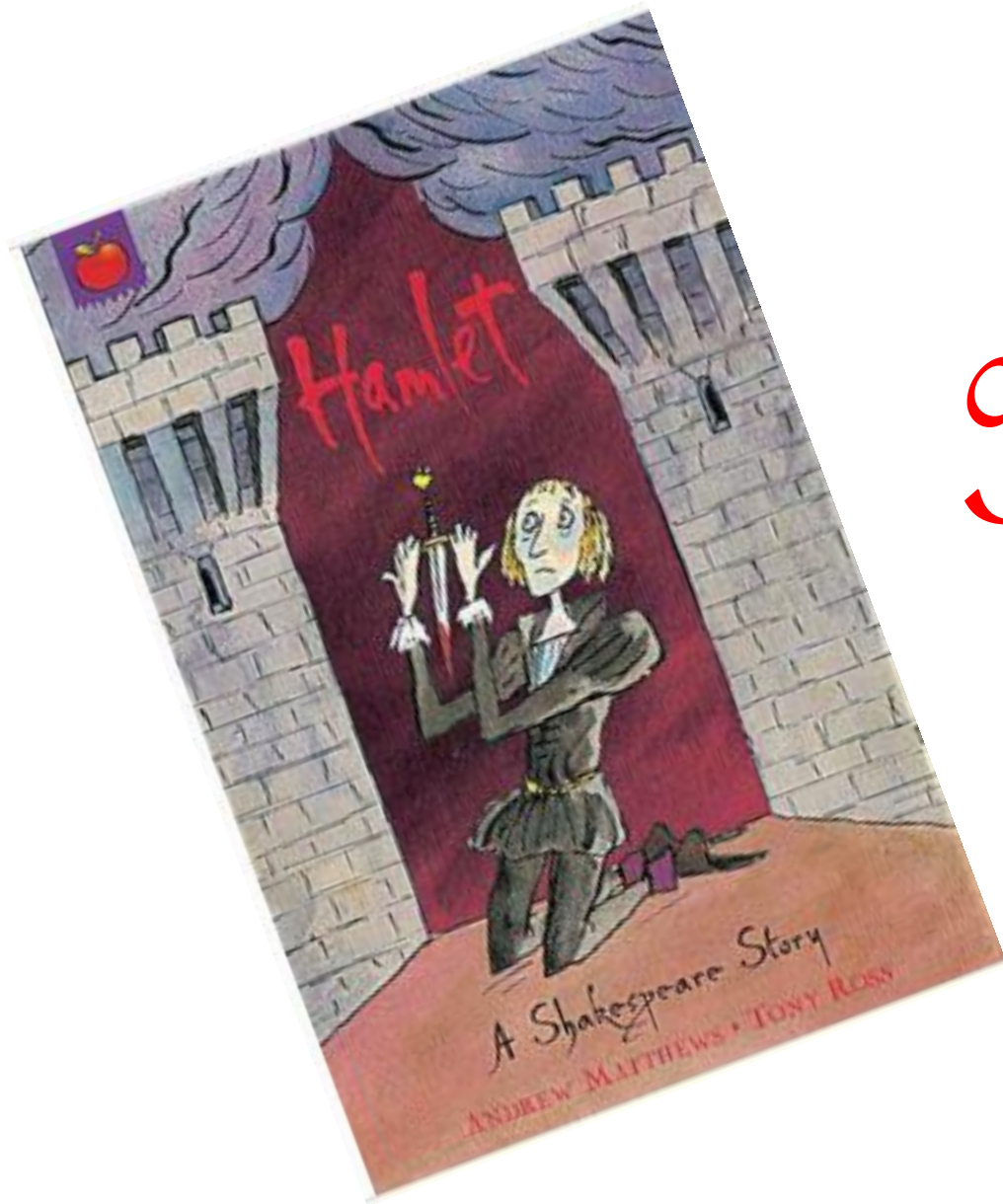
What do you think the book will be about?

What things can you see on the front cover?

What sort of story will it be?

Who might enjoy it?

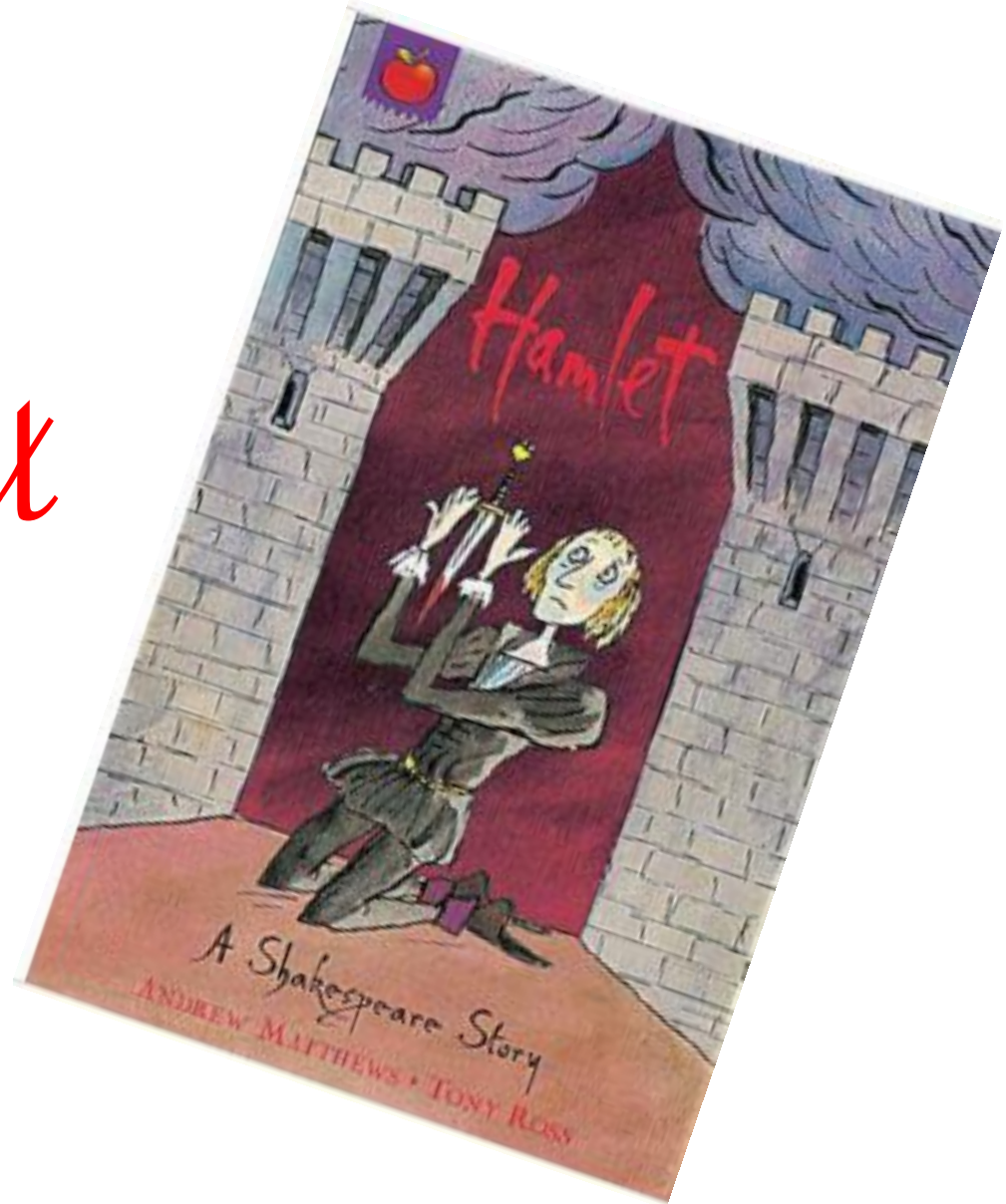


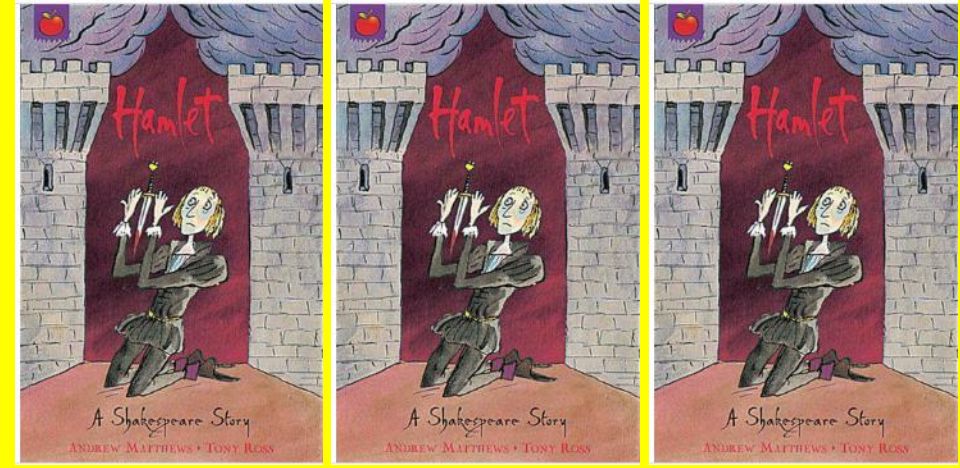


Hamlet

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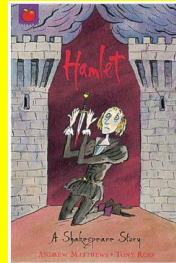


A Shakespeare Story: Hamlet Synopsis

Murder most foul... An action-packed retelling of Shakespeare's dark tale of revenge and murder.

Now read the blurb:

Were any of your predictions correct?



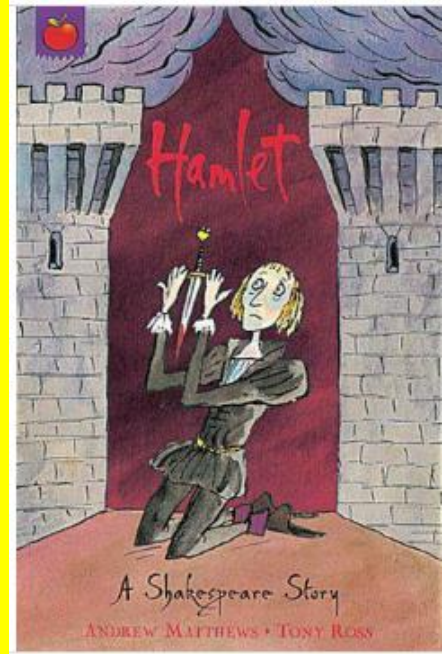
How do the reviews on the back persuade you to read the book?

A Shakespeare Story: Hamlet Press Reviews

Short, brisk, highly readable retellings which make good sense as stories in their own right. As such, they will readily persuade the junior school age-group that Shakespeare himself has lively stories to tell. These little books can be warmly recommended as a first introduction to Shakespeare. * Books for Keeps *

Task 1 - Semantic maps

This is a brainstorm of different words and phrases that connect to the original word.



E.g.

Related to king or queen

Linked to a kingdom / country

Prince

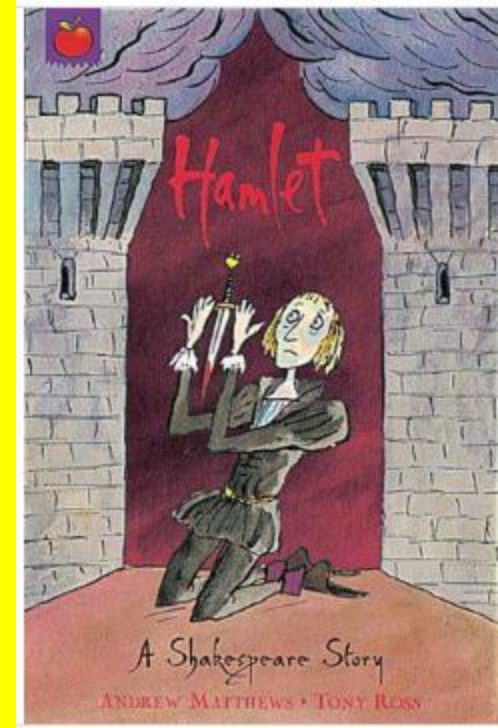
Expected to be a good leader

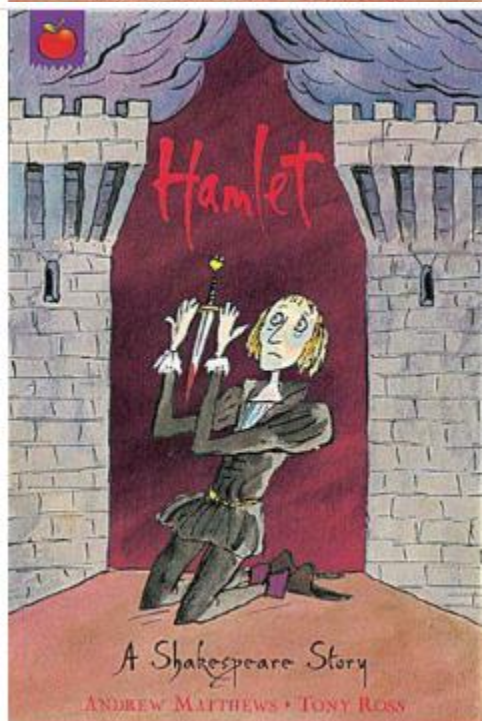
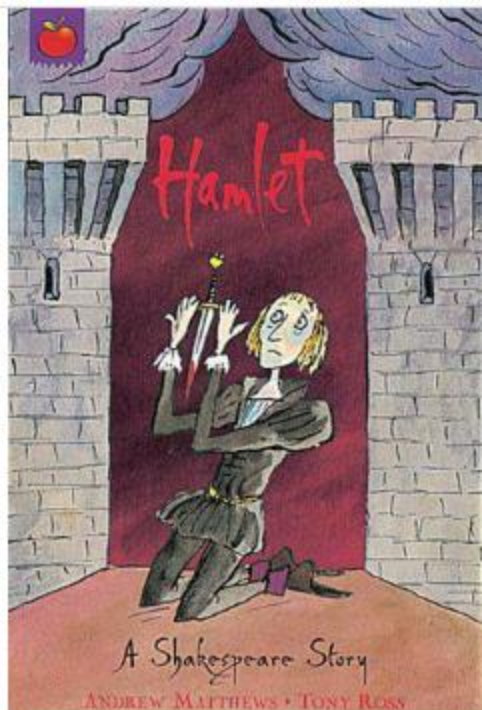
Task 1

Create semantic maps for the following words:

- Madness
- Family
- Mortality

Create a web of words noting down all the phrases and words linked to these concepts?





Task 2

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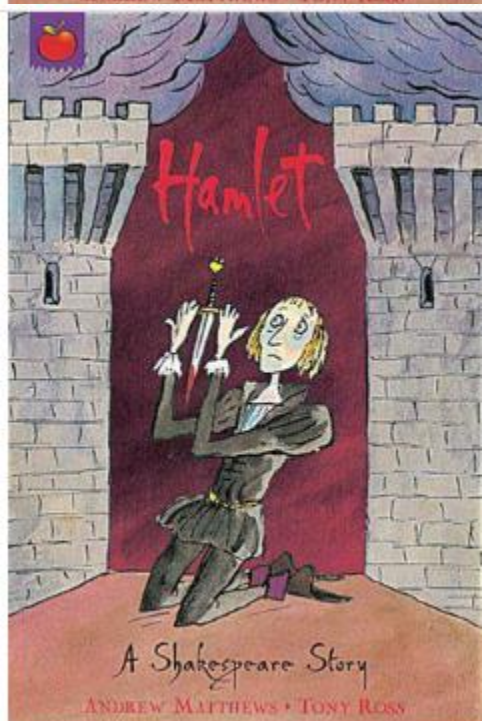
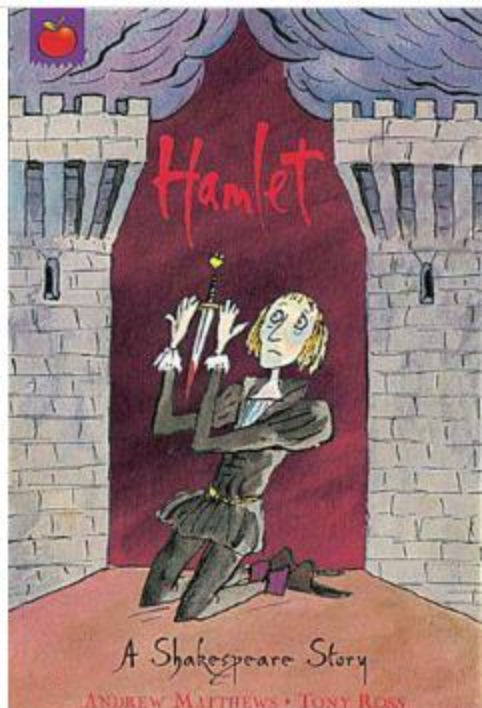
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Cast list

The Ghost of Hamlet's father



Gertrude

Queen of Denmark
Mother to Hamlet



Claudius

King of Denmark



Hamlet

Son to the former King
Nephew to Claudius



Horatio

Friend to Hamlet



Laertes

Son to Polonius



Ophelia

Daughter to Polonius



Polonius
Lord Chamberlain



A troop of travelling players

The Scene

Denmark in the thirteenth century.

Task 3

*"I am thy father's spirit,
Doom'd for a certain term to walk the night,
And for the day confined to fast in fires,
Till the foul crimes done in my days of nature
Are burnt and purged away...."*

(Act I, Scene V)

Who is speaking?

Who might they be speaking to?

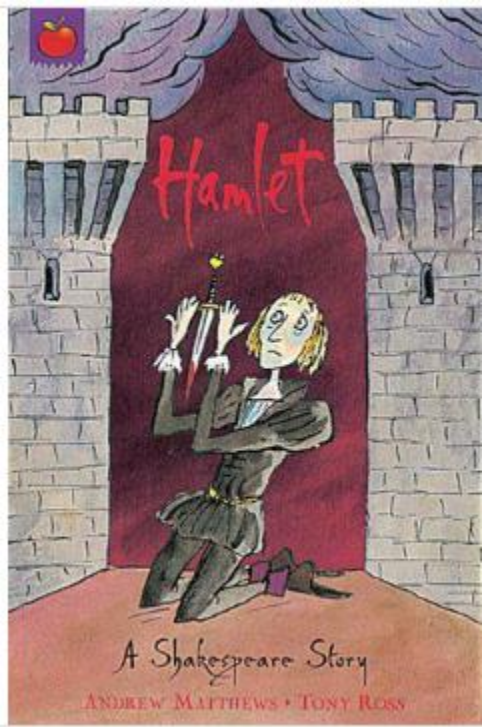
What is a spirit?

How do we know the spirit is tortured?

What might the 'foul crimes' be?

Find and copy a word that means the same as 'to be rid of' or 'to remove'.

How might the spirit be freed?





Hamlet

Many years ago in Denmark there was a prince called Hamlet.

One day Hamlet's father, the king, dies suddenly and Hamlet is very sad.

After this, Hamlet's mother, Gertrude, gets married again very quickly. She marries her husband's brother, Claudius, and Claudius is now the king!

'Aargh! How could you do this to me!'

One night Hamlet's friend, Horatio, tells him that there is a ghost in the castle. It is the ghost of Hamlet's father!

'Claudius killed me with poison! Hamlet, you must punish Claudius for me!'

Hamlet is confused. He doesn't know if he believes the ghost and he doesn't know what to do.

Hamlet now acts very strangely. He is mean and angry, and he upsets his girlfriend, Ophelia.

'Go away! Leave me alone!'

'Oh, he is so mean!'

One day a group of actors come to the castle and Hamlet makes a plan. He asks the actors to change their play. The new play will show a king poisoned like Hamlet's father.

'With this play I will catch the king.'

Shakespeare



When Claudius watches the play he looks very worried and runs away. Hamlet sees him and he knows the truth.

Claudius is very worried about Hamlet now and makes a plan with Ophelia's brother, Laertes.

'You will fight him and we will put poison on the sword and in his drink too.'

Laertes and Hamlet fight. Laertes cuts Hamlet, but in the fight Hamlet takes Laertes' sword and cuts him with it too!

'Here, Hamlet, drink this.'

'No, thank you, Mother. I'm not thirsty.'

'No, don't!'

'It was him! He poisoned us all!'

Finally, Hamlet knows he must stop Claudius.

'Aargh! Have this and this!'

All the royal family are now poisoned and Hamlet tells his friend that there must be a new king.

'Goodbye, my prince.'

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